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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF LETTERS CONCERNING
PO/77/113 TO ACTING SYG PANSO FROM THE BELGIAN PERM REP
(SCHUURMANS) AND THE FRENCH PERM REP (TINE). THE
BELGIAN POSITION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE US AND CANADA
(PER REF A) BUT GOES ON TO SUGGEST THAT COMMITMENTS TO
CONSULTANTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT SHOULD NOT BE LONGER THAN
THIRTY DAYS, SUFFICIENT TIME FOR A DECISION BY THE
BUDGET COMMITTEES. IN VIEW OF THE PERMISSIVE (BUT CHID-
ING) TONE OF THE LETTER, IT DOES NOT SEEM TO FRUSTRATE
THE SYG'S INTENTION TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THE CON-
SULTANTS.

2. THE FRENCH POSITION COULD, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERABLY
MORE TROUBLESOME IN THAT IT STATES IN PART, "FRANCE, NOT
BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM
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ELABORATED BY THE DPC, CANNOT AGREE THAT THE REQUESTED
FUND ADVANCES BE CHARGED TO BUDGETS IN WHICH SHE
PARTICIPATES." SHOULD FRANCE HOLD TO THIS POSITION, IT
WOULD EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE CHARGE OF ANY OF THESE COSTS
TO THE CIVIL BUDGET WHICH HAS NO ARRANGEMENT FOR LESS
THAN TOTAL PARTICIPATION BY ALL NATIONS. THE MILITARY
BUDGET DOES, HOWEVER, CURRENTLY FUNCTION WITH BUDGETS

PAID BY "14 NATIONS" AS WELL AS "15 NATIONS".

3. PANSA INTENDS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE BELGIANS, TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE INTERPRETATION OF THEIR POSITION, AND WITH THE FRENCH, IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN A RELAXATION. BECAUSE OF THE EUROPEAN HOLIDAY WEEKEND THROUGH 15 AUGUST, HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REACH A CONCLUSION BEFORE TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST. HE HOPES TO SHOW THAT THE HIRING OF THE CONSULTANTS IS A NORMAL CIVIL BUDGET CHARGE AS IS THE PERSONNEL COST OF DEFENSE SUPPORT AND DEFENSE PLANNING DIVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS). FAILING THAT, HE WILL TRY TO SECURE AGREEMENT TO TEMPORARY CHARGE TO THE CIVIL BUDGET WITH LATER TRANSFER TO THE MILITARY BUDGET. IF HE SUCCEEDS, THE PO WILL HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND THE SYG CAN PROCEED AS PLANNED.

4. IF, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH REMAIN ADAMANT, AND WE WISH TO MOVE OUT QUICKLY ON THE CONSULTANTS, THE COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE CHARGED TO THE MILITARY BUDGET. IN THAT CASE EITHER (1) CONTRACTS WOULD BE SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS), OR (2) THE MBC WOULD REIMBURSE THE CBC, THUS ALLOWING SIGNATURE BY THE SYG. IN THE LATTER CASE, THE AMOUNTS WOULD BE ADVANCED BY THE CBC WITH MBC PAYMENT RECORDED AS A "RECEIPT" AS IN THE CASE OF MUCH OF THE SUPPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. IF TRANSFER TO MBC IS REQUIRED, PANSA MAY NEED TO CALL A DPC MEETING IN MIDWEEK. GLITMAN

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